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Please see the attached Freedom of Information Act request.

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# **Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

I am writing to request certain records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and EPA regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 2.100 *et seq*.

I request a copy of all records, regardless of the form or format of such records, constituting communications between the 3M Company (formerly known as the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company), or any of 3M's subsidiaries, employees, or agents, and EPA's Office of Water (or any of its employees or agents) relating to perfluorochemicals ("PFCs"), except for any such records that are already publicly available online. I request such records both from EPA Headquarters and EPA Region 5.

For purposes of this request, PFCs include any member of the family of perfluorocarbons, including the following chemicals:

- 1. PFBA (perfluorobutanoic acid)
- 2. PFBS (perfluorobutanesulfonic acid)
- 3. PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid)
- 4. PFOS (perfluorooctanesulfonic acid)
- 5. PFHxS (perfluorohexane sulfonic acid)

For purposes of this request, 3M's employees or agents include, without limitation, the following individuals:

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- 3. Robert A. Paschke
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I do not wish to inspect such records prior to receiving a copy. Please provide a copy of such records, preferably in electronic form (i.e., burned to a CD-ROM or DVD), which may be delivered to the following address: 850 Tenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

I agree, on behalf of Covington & Burling LLP, to pay for search, duplication, and review costs in connection with this request, up to the amount of \$10,000. If you anticipate that the total costs will exceed this amount, please contact me before proceeding and provide an estimate of the total costs.

I appreciate your assistance and prompt response to this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas R. Brugato

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